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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, CY TU GR
SUBJ: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA

REF: STATE 071751 TOSEC 030204, AND PREVIOUS

1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL (MORNING, APRIL 2) I TELEPHONED MFA SECRETARY
GENERAL ELEKDAG TO REAFFIRM CONCERNS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED BY
MATT NIMETZ TO ESENBEL. ELEKDAG CONFIRMED THAT ESENBEL
HAD TELEPHONED ANKARA AND THE NEXT PORTION OF OUR CONVERSATION
WAS TAKEN UP WITH ELEKDAG'S REPEATING TO ME ALL THE POINTS
THAT ESENBEL HAD PASSED BACK TO NIMETZ (STATE 72196).
ELEKDAG'S PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WAS ON ARGUMENT THAT
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THE GREEK TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL WITH ITS CONTONAL
ARRANGEMENTS VIOLATED UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED EARLIER
AND THAT THIS, PLUS THE GREEKS' HAVING PUBLICIZED
THE MAP AHEAD OF TIME, HAD CONVINCED THE TURK/CYPRIOIOT SIDE
THAT THE GREEKS HAD NOT COME TO VIENNA FOR SERIOUS
NEGOTIATIONS. AS A RESULT, SAID ELEKDAG, ANKARA IS
HAVING A VERY HARD TIME WITH DENKTASH AND HIS TURKISH

CYPRIOT ADVISERS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE AND CAGLAYANGIL ARE "TRYING TO BE HELPFUL."

2. I RECALLED THE GOT COMMITMENT TO SECRETARY CLIFFORD WAS FOR TURKISH SIDE TO ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL AND SUSTAINED NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON CONCRETE PROPOSALS. I SAID I DID NOT THINK THAT COMMITMENT WOULD BE HONORED IF ALL TURKISH SIDE DID WAS TO SAY THAT THE GREEK TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL WAS UNACCEPTABLE, AND WHY. I RECALLED THAT HE HIMSELF HAD SPOKEN TO ME IN OUR LAST MEETING OF HOW UNFORTUNATE IT WOULD BE IF THE TURKS WERE NOT PREPARED TO COME BACK WITH A CREDIBLE COUNTER-PROPOSAL ON TERRITORY. ELEKDAG'S RESPONSE WAS THAT HE WAS SPEAKING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE GREEK PROPOSAL WOULD NOT BE AS BAD AS THE ONE THEY HAD TABLED. ("IMAGINE WAITING TWO YEARS FOR THIS", HE SAID.) I THEN EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SURPRISE THAT THE TURKS WERE SURPRISED THAT THE FIRST GREEK TERRITORIAL OFFER WAS AN UNACCEPTABLE ONE. I DOUBTED THAT THE INITIAL TURKISH COUNTER-PROPOSAL WOULD BE VERY ACCEPTABLE EITHER. BUT IF THE TURKS MEANT TO HONOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINED NEGOTIATIONS, THEY SURELY SHOULD MAKE COUNTER-PROPOSALS NOW.

3. ELEKDAG SAID THAT HE AGREED. ANKARA, HE REPEATED, WAS HAVING A VERY DIFFICULT TIME WITH DENKTASH. AND, HE ADDED, EVEN HE, ELEKDAG, THOUGHT THE GREEK PROPOSAL WAS SO BAD THAT THE EQUIVALENT TURKISH RESPONSE SHOULD BE AN OFFER TO SETTLE FOR THE BOUNDARIES
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AS THEY NOW ARE. THE GREEKS HAVE GONE TO THEIR EXTREME OF 20 PERCENT SO YOU CAN ARGUE, HE SAID, THAT THE TURKS CAN GO TO THEIR EXTREME AS WELL BY OFFERING THE PRESENT BOUNDARIES. I COUNTERED BY SAYING THAT SUCH AS RESPONSE WOULD BE A DISSERVICE TO THE TURKISH POSITION AND WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, AND I HOPED HE COULD AVOID IT.

4. ELEKDAG AT THIS POINT WARMED UP CONSIDERABLY. HE SAID ANKARA WAS TRYING VERY HARD NOT TO HAVE THE TALKS BREAK DOWN AND HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT WALDHEIM WANTS A CONCRETE COUNTER-PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, IT WAS UNREASONABLE FOR ANYONE TO EXPECT A COUNTER-OFFER "IN TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS OR A DAY." I SAID I AGREED ABOUT THE TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS BUT THAT I STRONGLY COUNSELED THAT THE COUNTER-PROPOSAL SHOULD BE READY BY MONDAY. ELEKDAG SAID AGAIN THAT ANKARA IS TRYING.
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